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TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 12:30 p.m. on 4 March 1954, no air activity was conducted at Welzow airfield. Around 4 p.m., the running of jet engines was heard, and after a short time, several take-offs were heard. About 5 p.m., two Yak-11s landed at the field. Subsequently, a U-MIG-15 landed there. After a short time, 12 landings were made by swept-back jet aircraft. Around noon, and about 25X1 6 p.m., about 25 aircraft were observed parked at the field. About 6 p.m., six aircraft were arranged on the runway and some take-offs were made.¹
2. AA guns estimated at 70 to 80 mm which were not yet emplaced were observed about 100 meters southwest of the Neupetershain-Welzow railroad line, about 100 meters northwest of the Bahnsdorf settlement. Nearby were radar sets of AA 1 MK 2 type. The AA 4 MK 3 type radar set was observed at its previous location north of the northeastern end of the runway.²
3. A radio truck on top of which was a mast, about 2 meters high and braced by two guy wires, was parked in the northeastern extension of the runway. Just next to the radio truck was a canvas-covered vehicle. The PKV-45 DF station was no longer observed at its previous location about 1,500 meters northeast of the runway end. The outer low frequency approach beacon was still located about 1,500 meters northeast of Neupetershain and just southeast of the railroad line to Drebkau. Several radio trucks were parked next to the beacon.³
4. A strictly guarded dump with several watchtowers was observed in the triangle formed by the Senftenberg-Cottbus and Neupetershain-Welzow railroad lines, near contour line 125. Five bunker-like buildings were identified in the dump which was surrounded by a double-fence.⁴ four three-story buildings and 25X1 two two-story buildings in the area south of the previous quartering area.⁵ Red lamps were seen at the northeastern end of the runway and in the northeastern extension of the runway.

1. Comment. It is believed that Welzow airfield is still occupied by a regiment equipped with MIG-15s. 25X1 The regiment which is now stationed in Welzow had been stationed in Koethen prior to mid-August 1953.
2. Comment. The exact number of medium AA guns (76 mm) at Welzow airfield has not been determined. The AA unit has been observed in Welzow since October 1952. It is believed that this AA unit remained in Welzow after the departure of the bomber

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aircraft in the summer of 1953. The same observation was made at Wernauchen airfield as to the presence of an AA unit. The AA 4 MK 3 type radar ~~set~~ has been observed in Welzow since early 1953, while the model AA 1 MK 2 radar sets are reported for the ~~first~~ time from Welzow.

3. Comment. The locations of the radio installations in the flying lane are known. 25X1
It has not been determined for what reason the PKV-45 DF station was removed. The temporary removal of such stations, probably for repair purposes, has repeatedly been observed also at other airfields.
4. Comment. This dump which has been known since the beginning of 1953 probably is the ammunition dump of the bomber unit formerly stationed at Welzow airfield.
5. Comment. The utilization of the individual buildings is not known.

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